

## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**September 2010 – Week 2**

**Air Date: September 5 – September 11 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: SOUTH RISES AGAIN**

SEPTEMBER 1961 AND THE SOUTH RISES AGAIN!

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1961. MERCEDES. IT BEGAN WHEN A FEW LOCAL PILOTS SET OUT TO SAVE WORLD WAR TWO AIRCRAFT FROM THE SCRAP HEAP. FOR FUN, THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE, AND TODAY THEY RECEIVE THEIR OFFICIAL CHARTER FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS.

FROM ITS' IMAGINARY COMMANDER COLONEL JETHRO E. CULPEPPER, TO REBEL FLAGS ON THEIR AIRPLANES, THE GROUP USES SOUTHERN HUMOR TO PROMOTE A SERIOUS MISSION.

IN 2002, POLITICAL CORRECTNESS FORCES A NAME CHANGE TO THE "COMMEMORATIVE" AIR FORCE AND THE SOUTHERN SYMBOLS ARE GONE. TODAY, THE C.A.F. HAS 11,000 MEMBERS AND OVER 150 PLANES.

THE CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE TOOK OFF 49 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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HANDBOOK OF TEXAS – CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/CC/vtc1.html>

Commemorative Air Force Website

<http://www.commemorativeairforce.com/info/aircraft.html>

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